

Senate File 2183 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to nomination papers filing deadlines for
2 school district and merged area elections.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 260C.15, subsection 3, Code 2011, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Nomination papers on behalf of candidates for member of
4 the board of directors of a merged area shall be filed with
5 the secretary of the board not earlier than ~~sixty-four~~ one
6 hundred twenty days nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the ~~fortieth~~
7 ninetieth day prior to the election at which members of the
8 board are to be elected. On the day following the last day
9 on which nomination petitions can be filed, and no later
10 than 5:00 p.m. on that day, the secretary shall deliver all
11 nomination petitions so filed, together with the text of any
12 public measure being submitted by the board of directors to
13 the electorate, to the county commissioner of elections who is
14 responsible under section 47.2 for conducting elections held
15 for the merged area. That commissioner shall certify the names
16 of candidates, and the text and summary of any public measure
17 being submitted to the electorate, to all county commissioners
18 of elections in the merged area by the thirty-fifth day prior
19 to the election.

20 Sec. 2. Section 277.4, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 1. Nomination papers for all candidates for election
23 to office in each school district shall be filed with the
24 secretary of the school board not more than ~~sixty-four~~ one
25 hundred twenty days, nor less than ~~forty~~ ninety days before
26 the election. Nomination petitions shall be filed not later
27 than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing. If the school
28 board secretary is not readily available during normal office
29 hours, the secretary may designate a full-time employee of
30 the school district who is ordinarily available to accept
31 nomination papers under this section. On the final date for
32 filing nomination papers the office of the school secretary
33 shall remain open until 5:00 p.m.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill relates to filing deadlines for nomination papers

1 for school district and merged area elections.

2 The bill requires that nomination papers for the election
3 of members of the board of directors of a merged area be filed
4 with the secretary of the merged area board not more than 120
5 days and not less than 90 days before an election for the
6 merged area. Current law requires that nomination papers be
7 filed not more than 64 days and not less than 40 days before
8 such elections.

9 The bill requires that nomination papers for all candidates
10 for election for a school district be filed with the secretary
11 of the school board not more than 120 days and not less than 90
12 days before an election for the school district. Current law
13 requires that nomination papers be filed not more than 64 days
14 and not less than 40 days before such elections.